

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 5:00 PM



The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present via Skype)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Khalid Kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:01pm. Following the roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was present.

Mayor Edwards announced that the representative from YouthSpark is on her way and the meeting will start with a Discussion on Senior Exemptions by Councilmember Gilyard.

2. Discussion Items

a. YouthSpark Presentation - Jennifer Swain, Executive Director (Willis**)**

Minutes:

A YouTube video was shown titled "the making of a Girl."

Ms. Jennifer Swain, Executive Director of YouthSpark then gave her presentation defining the Organization's mission to help youth and adults in need of legal help and protection during abusive and exploitative situations and its partnering with Fulton County Juvenile Court.

Her presentation covered human trafficking, sex abuse and sex slavery in the metro Atlanta area. She gave reasons for the problems of youth sexual exploitation by defining some of the problems. She gave solutions of how the problems can be resolved and the many early intervention opportunities.

Ms. Swain concluded by informing the Council that Fulton County has created a taskforce to combat sex trafficking to bring advocates together with the Super Bowl coming to Atlanta. She encouraged the City of South Fulton and its police force to become actively involved by educating its residents of the warning signs and how to intervene and offered the services of YouthSpark to accomplish this goal. There are signs on human trafficking to be posted in local businesses and restaurants for citizens to identify and report any abuses.

Councilmember Willis thanked Ms. Swain and encouraged the City Council to support the legislation. She also inquired as to how to obtain the signs that are being requested for businesses to post throughout Fulton County and if there was any cost associated with obtaining those signs. Ms. Swain indicated there are no cost and the signs are posted on line and available for printing.

Councilmember Rowell requested the City Manager to incorporate a communication regarding this program to the city business owners to make sure they are compliant with the mandates, when the license renewals are mailed to the businesses.

The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Swain and Councilmember Willis for the informative presentation and the ways the City can educate the public on this critical issue.

b. Discussion on TSPLOST Pending Projects - Fulton County

Minutes:

Antonio Valenzuela, Deputy Director, Transportation, Fulton County Department of Public Works, discussed the second phase of sidewalks along Danforth Road and the 1.5 miles of sidewalks along the east and west sides of Enon Road. If all parcels are acquired as planned the projects are scheduled for completion this Fall. Both projects are funded through TSPLOST.

Mayor Edwards inquired if the County had information pertaining to the use of eminent domain. Mr. Valenzuela answered yes, but he was unable to share that information about the 13 properties at this time. Councilmember Gilyard spoke about 6 parcels on one side and 7 parcels on the other side of Danforth. If that was the 13 properties for eminent domain without any details, she wanted some information that required the use of eminent domain. Fulton County Representative Michael Graham explained there was a substantial difference in offered prices and property values.

Councilmember Rowell indicated there also will be maintenance issues on the sidewalks for absentee landowners and she requested the City Manager put this issue on his radar for having enough staff to maintain the areas.

At this time, Mayor Edwards acknowledged State Representative Marie Metze for attending the meeting and thanked her for all the support she has given.

c. Discussion on Senior Exemptions (Gilyard)

Minutes:

Councilmember Gilyard indicated she had reviewed the senior exemption allotted by the County at the previous council meeting and now she wants to know whether or

not those exemptions are feasible and what it impacts and what it doesn't impact for the City of South Fulton. Many seniors have received their tax estimated bill from the County that has charges on the senior bill that is so different from before.

Councilmember Gilyard requested the City Manager to look at other cities as it relates to senior exemptions and if the City of South Fulton developed a senior exemption what impact would it have on the City's revenue.

The City Manager explained that the senior exemptions would be analyzed and will be addressed and discussed further during the budget process.

Councilmember Willis inquired about a list of city exemptions received from CFO Frank Milazi that citizens of South Fulton currently receive and wanted to know if he had done any type of analysis in regards to the impact on the City's bottom line. Mr. Milazi explained there are 4 exemptions, general exemption, age 62 + salary, age 65, age 70 from the County adopted by the City of South Fulton and seniors would not have to apply for those exemptions.

d. Legal Review Presentation (pending legislation) - City Attorney

Minutes:

The City Clerk indicated that the City Attorney wanted to switch out the current presentation for a newer version she is now sending via e-mail for display.

Attorney Walker began her presentation by introducing members of the Fincher Denmark firm and indicated that she would be giving Council a legal update of the last quarter from a legal prospective and get any feedback from the Council on items that are moving forward.

After a general overview of the business conducted by Fincher Denmark, including the various meetings that members of the firm have attended on behalf of the City of South Fulton, Attorney Walker began her presentation.

A list of Ordinances and Resolutions adopted by City Council since February 22, 2018 was presented to Mayor and Council. She indicated the firm has done some annexation work and she has prepared a litigation report for the City. She continued to outline all the services required of a City Attorney and her involvement in providing those services.

Mayor Edwards indicated there were a list of Ordinances that must be adopted by November 8, 2018. At last count, there were at least 17 Ordinances that needed to be passed before that November 8th deadline. The City Manager stated that he is in the process of creating a priority list of those items. Mayor Edwards then instructed the City Attorney to focus on the list of items that must be completed by November 8th.

Councilmember Willis requested the City Attorney to provide a list of items requested by Council showing dates requested and dates completed.

Councilmember Jackson thanked Attorney Walker for her presentation and outlined her background and noted that she lives in South Fulton County.

Councilmember Rowell and Gilyard thanked the City Attorney and stressed the importance of getting mandated items completed by November 8th.

3. Executive Session (if necessary)

Motion (Recess): Councilmember Gilyard
Second: Councilmember Rowell
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gums, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

a. A motion was made to recess for executive session for litigation, personnel and real estate. Councilmember Gums participated via teleconference. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Authorize): Councilmember Rowell
Second: Councilmember Willis
[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

b. A motion was made to authorize the City Attorney to enter into a joint defense agreement with other government defendants in the case of Adam Rice Et. Al. v. Fulton County. No vote was taken on the motion.

Motion (Authorize): Mayor Pro Tem Baker
Second: Councilmember Rowell
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gums, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

c. A motion was made to authorize the City Attorney to enter into a joint defense agreement with other government defendants in the case of Adam Rice Et. Al. v. Fulton County. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Gilyard
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gums, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to close the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Therefore, the work session adjourned at 7:11pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk



DIVIDER SHEET

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:12pm. Following the roll call by the City Clerk, seven members were present in the room (Edwards, Baker, Rowell, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and Khalid) and one member was present via Skype (Gumbs).

2. Invocation

Minutes:

The invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren L. Henry, Sr.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 26, 2018. (Work Session and Regular Meeting)
- b. Request for approval of SWAT Purchase, up to \$52,000.00.

- c. Resolution to adopt the Community Development Services Department's 2018-2019 Calendars for rezonings, use permits, modifications, and variances for the Mayor and Council of the City of South Fulton, Georgia to comply with the Georgia Open Meetings Act and for various other purposes. (**Res2018-041**)

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember khalid
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker
[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

- a. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended, to include a proclamation for a church anniversary and Pastor Albert Lee, III.

The City Attorney opined that it is appropriate to remove an item from the consent agenda, but not to add items.

No vote was taken on the motion.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Gilyard
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

- b. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
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5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Jackson
Second:
[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

- a. A motion was made to approve the regular meeting agenda.

No vote was taken on the motion.

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember khalid
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker

[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

b. A substitute motion was made to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended, to include a proclamation for a church anniversary and Pastor Albert Lee, III, on July 15, 2018 (for spreading upon the minutes). The motion passed unanimously.

For spreading upon the minutes: Proclamation celebrating Reverend Albert Lee III and College Park C.M.E. Appreciation Day, July 15, 2018. (khalid)

Following the approval of the regular meeting agenda, the Mayor and the City Council took a moment to recognize and extend kudo's for outstanding service rendered by South Fulton Police.

On Monday, July 9th, Corporal Willis Reed along with Corporal Anderson Fluellen successfully foiled an attempted armed bank robbery at Citizens Trust Bank on Cascade Road. Corporal Nicholas Williams and an unidentified Atlanta Police Officer held the perimeter during the armed robbery. There were no injuries and the robber was successfully apprehended. This is the same robber that had stolen the cash register from the Walmart on Cascade Road.

6. Public Comment

Minutes:

The following speakers offered public comment:

- **Mr Michael Simpson (Hapeville)** - spoke regarding the ATL Guide, and his interest for the City to have a discounted advertisement included by October.
- **Mr Marcus Coleman** - concerned regarding not being allowed to speak at the last meeting, his speaker card was not accepted. He also suggested utilizing organizations in the City to save our youth and to collaborate more.
- **Ms. Glenda Collins (D5)** - thanked mayor and city council for hosting educational and entertaining events, and the walks. She is concerned about developers submitting paperwork while decision making occurs, including what are the policies and procedures in this area and in reference to how much time the City Council has to review it. She also wants to know the policy and procedure for adding new furniture in the parks when they have been renovated.
- **Ms. Sandra Rodgers (D5)** - concerned about the possibility of a lawsuit with respect to the rezoning request for the QuikTrip. She is also concerned about the Trucks on Feldwood Road, she wants to see answers visibly on the website with respect to public comment concerns that were raised at previous meetings, and she is concerned about crime and gun shots that are being heard in District 5 and a lack of police visibility.
- **Ms. Myrtle Bolden (D1)** - concerned about how to make a police report. She has waited at length for a detective to take the report and nothing has happened, even after visiting the precinct in person.
- **Mr. Jeffrey Benoit** - changes need to be made with respect to taxes and the

- ability to apply for homestead exemptions beyond a cut-off date, therefore he is requesting the City to do something about it.
- Ms. Juliette Rankins (D4) - not pleased about what she saw at the work session earlier and what she has seen in previous meetings. Thank you to Councilmembers Jackson and Khalid. Please work for us. She advised the City Manager that warehouses in Union City are a part of South Fulton and our City.
 - Tracy F. Stewart (D1) - concerned about meetings not being on the website and not having instructions on the website regarding how to make public comment. The website does not give information regarding roles and responsibilities, what people are being paid, and more transparency regarding how citizens can request assistance. It needs to be publicized better.
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7. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. Resolution to amend the contract for the Chief Judge and authorizing the City Manager to execute the amended contract and for other lawful purposes. (**Res2018-042**)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Willis

[Motion Not Carried]

Yea: 0

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

a. A motion was made to approve Res2018-042. No vote was taken on the motion.

Motion (Amend): Councilmember Jackson

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Baker

[Motion Passed]

Yea: 6 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, Khalid , Rowell

Nay: 1 Willis

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

b. A motion was made to amend the contract for the Chief Judge (Res2018-042) as follows:

- Remove the word "agreement" from Section 9: Other Terms and Conditions of Service; and,
- Add wording to Section 8: Bonding. to read, "*The City shall bear the full cost of any fidelity or other bonds required of the Chief Judge under any law or ordinance, in the lawful performance of her duties and in her official capacities as Chief Judge.*

The motion passed.

Motion (Amend): Councilmember Rowell

Second:
[Motion Failed for Lack of Second]

Yea: 0
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

c. A motion was made to amend the contract for the Chief Judge by striking Section 10: Civil Club. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Motion (Approve as Amended): Councilmember Rowell
Second: Councilmember Willis
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

d. A motion was made to approve Res2018-042 as amended in motion b. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Resolution to appoint the Honorable Michael L. Sheridan as a Pro Tem Judge for the City of South Fulton Municipal Court and for other lawful purposes. (**Edwards - Res2018-043**)

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Rowell
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve Res2018-043. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Edwards recognized Judge Sheridan in the audience.

b. Ordinances

i. **[FIRST READING]** Ordinance amending Title 6, health and sanitation, of the City Code of Ordinances to address nuisance properties, protect neighboring property values and encourage economic development and for other lawful purposes. (**Rowell, Jackson and Willis - Ord2018-028**)

Minutes:
FIRST READING HEARD.

Councilmember Rowell requested to see all staff recommended edits during the second reading, embedded in the document, along with any fiscal impacts.

Councilmember Jackson requested how the public water will be disconnected, under section 6-3004 Fines and Enforcements, line 184. The City Attorney indicated that this can be handled with an agreement between the City of South Fulton and the City of Atlanta, but enforcement of the disconnect will be at the discretion of the City of Atlanta or subject to who provides the water.

Councilmember Khalid asked a number of questions as follows:

- Where is the financial impact for this item? He wants to see it.
- Can we work with our public works department to anticipate an annual cost?
- How much it will cost, legal fees and demolition?
- Can we have a work session with some of the companies that do rehab?
- How much is Fulton County currently spending, per year, on demolition in SSD?
- For the backlog, what happens after the transition period? Does the clock start over?
- Does Fulton County split expenses for matters that are already underway?
- With respect to the City Manager or his/her designee being assigned certain duties to carry-out these services on line 222, can this be replaced with the Building Code Inspector since this appears to be that person's duties?

With respect to the percentage to be collected by the city and the tax commissioner, Councilmember Willis requested that information be included and brought back.

With respect to the Pro Tem Judges agenda item previously approved, under Res2018-043, Councilmember Gilyard indicated that it is not known how much is being paid. Mayor Edwards requested the City Manager to get with Councilmember Gilyard to clarify her issues.

c. Action Items

- i. Request approval of the installation of a flashing warning beacon at the intersection of Butner Road at Stonelake Drive/Thames Road.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Rowell

Second: Councilmember Khalid

[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, Khalid, Rowell, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the Butner Road and Stonelake Drive/Thames Road project (flashing warning beacon). The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Willis requested to know cost and scope of the project. Mr. Antonio Valenzuela indicated that there will be no cost to the City. Maintenance funds are

being used that were already allocated.

- ii. Request approval of the local Government Facility Maintenance Agreement between the City of South Fulton and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the operation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Roosevelt Highway (US29) and Welcome All Road.

Motion (Approve): Councilmember Willis
Second: Councilmember Rowell
[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Not Voting: 0

Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the Roosevelt Highway (US29) and Welcome All Road project (traffic signal). The motion passed unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report

Minutes:
The City Manager and Chief Judge answered Councilmember Gilyard's previous question regarding the Pro Tem Judges by indicating that the City Council previously agreed to provide \$250 for the first session and \$400 for the second session. Payment is on a per session basis.

The City Manager also updated the City Council regarding activities with regard to the Chestnut Ridge coordination. A meeting was held with the HOA and today he was notified that Catholic Charities will be distributing 34 gift cards this week of \$500 increments for those who already registered. He also indicated that he has had quality attendance at the budget sessions, including surveys.

The majority of the City Council has participated in the one-on-one sessions with staff regarding the Comprehensive Plan and we are on track. The public involvement process is now beginning in Council areas.

Regarding the Mayor's Walk activities, the initial follow-up reports and responses are being publicized on the website.

9. City Attorney's Report

Minutes:
The City Attorney had no further report.

10. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two minutes each)

Minutes:
All City Councilmembers gave information regarding events and activities within their respective districts.

Mayor Edwards thanked the City Manager for all that he has been doing and encouraged residents to attend the budget and land use hearings.

11. Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary

Minutes:

There was no executive session conducted during the regular meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion (Adjourn): Councilmember khalid

Second: Councilmember Rowell

[Motion Passed]

Yea: 7 Baker, Gilyard, Gumbs, Jackson, khalid , Rowell, Willis

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Not Voting: 0

Minutes:

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk